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Last week we spoke of our exclusive makes of Smoking Jackets. We now wish to refer to suit cases, Umbrellas and Hats; either may be selected now before the rush and exchanged after Xmas if necessary. We take pleasure in pleasing customers.

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UNITED STATES' ATTITUDE UPHELD

Allies Only Acted After Taking Into Consideration Probable Interference.

ITALY WILL JOIN ALLIES

Submits Note but Does Not Receive Satisfactory Response, So She Joins the Blockade.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The conduct of the United States in the Venezuelan controversy is regarded in diplomatic opinion here as being strong and dignified, and the state department's handling of the affair is looked upon as establishing Europe's recognition of the Monroe doctrine, because every step of Germany and Great Britain was made after taking into account what the United States thought of it. At the same time it is claimed that events in Venezuela are saving the United States many future complications by letting the Latin republics understand that the United States will not protect them from the effect of financial delinquency and internal disorder.

MINISTER FROM ITALY INSTRUCTED TO LEAVE

Boards His Country's Cruiser After Presenting Ultimatum to Persevering Republic.

CARACAS, Dec. 16.—The Italian minister to Venezuela, Signor de Riva has received orders from Rome to leave Caracas tomorrow morning. He will go on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausani at La Guayra. Signor de Riva presented Italy's ultimatum to Venezuela at 5 o'clock this evening. Signora de Riva has been instructed to present to Venezuela in the form of an ultimatum, Italy's demand for immediate payment of \$42,000 to meet Italian claims arising from former revolutions. As it is known that the Venezuelan government cannot pay the amount demanded, the communication to the minister included orders to leave Venezuela at once.

The ultimatum from Italy is couched in stronger terms than those presented by Great Britain and Germany. The interests of Italy in Venezuela will be placed in the hands of United States Minister Bowen. The Italian colony in Caracas is a very numerous one.

NO FEELING AGAINST ITALIANS.

Note of Italy's Minister and Its Answer Create Little Stir.

CARACAS, Dec. 16.—The Italian minister, Rivas only handed to the Venezuelan government certain demands, which were not in the form of an ultimatum and did not specify any limit of time for an answer. His note simply ask for payment of sums due to Italy and in case of payment being made to other countries it wants the same treatment.

The government answered today in the negative to the note of Minister Rivas, saying that tribunals existed in Venezuela to adjudicate any claims arising from the revolutions.

The Associated Press correspondent is informed that the Italian minister has called to Rome for further instructions. The correspondent called today at the Italian legation and saw Minister Rivas and his wife and two daughters with regard to the report that they had embarked on the Giovanni Bausano. They laughed and said:

"We never have left the city of Caracas, and much less embarked on the Italian cruiser at La Guayra." There is no excitement among the people here against the Italians because as yet no Italian naval demonstration has taken place.

ITALY IS PLEASED.

Action of Minister of Foreign Affairs Highly Approved.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Italian participation in the Anglo-German action against Venezuela produces an effect here, not anti-American, but one of self satisfaction and pride in taking part in what is considered the first break in the Monroe doctrine, says the Tribune's Rome correspondent. Parliament and the public press without distinction of party, which is very strange in Italy, approve the action of the minister of foreign affairs.

ITALY WILL JOIN ALLIES.

Instructions Received to Make Blockade More Stringent.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—News has been

received in London that all the employees of the La Guayra-Caracas and the Puerto Cabello-Valencia railroads are safe.

Telegrams received here from Berlin confirm the statement that it has been arranged for Italy to join the blockade and say that the German government will ask the consent of the Bundesrath to a proposal to make the Venezuelan blockade more stringent.

MONTANA MEN WILL FIGHT FOR VENEZUELA

Crack Shots of the Northwest Organize to Defend Hemmed-In Republic.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 16.—It is stated on what appears to be good authority that a filibustering party is being organized in Butte to go to Venezuela. It is said, at least, that an alleged "Josh" story in the Inter-Mountain, concerning a party of Montana filibusters, who are organizing to go to Venezuela, is really based upon fact.

A number of Butte men have already enlisted. The men conducting the scheme are keeping it quiet, but it is said at least one well-armed company, all crack-shots, and old mountain men, will go south in a few days. A number of Spanish war veterans and several veterans of the Fenian invasion of Canada are among the men enlisted.

CASTRO'S VAGUE

Not Much Reliance Placed In His Offer to Arbitrate.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Judging from statements given out by the foreign office, the Venezuelan situation tonight does not appear to be any nearer settlement.

The foreign office points out that Venezuela's offer to arbitrate is extremely vague. President Castro in the communication in which he expresses his willingness to resort to arbitration provides no guarantee that the rights of British subjects in Venezuela will be respected.

ET TU SPAIN?

If This Keeps Up Venezuela Will Have Cause to Worry.

CARACAS, Dec. 16.—The Spanish minister to Venezuela, Senor Gayton de Ayala, and the Belgian charge d'affaires M. Vander Heyde have presented a joint letter to the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs in which they say, in case the claims of the other foreign powers are paid by Venezuela, that the same treatment given these powers be accorded Spain and Belgium.

WILL BLOCKADE PORTS.

General Order Issued to Bring Venezuela to Time.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—From an apparently reliable source, says the Port of Spain correspondent of the Herald, it is rumored that a decree ordering the blockade of Venezuelan ports will be issued Wednesday.

The British torpedo destroyer Quail is reported to be patrolling the Orinoco river.

SIX-STORY BUILDING BURNS.

Damages Aggregating \$75,000 Sustained by Blaze in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Fire early today destroyed the six-story building at 329-333 Canal street occupied by Murray & Co., makers of tents and awnings. The warehouse of the Yeats company, which adjoins the Murray building, caught fire also and considerable loss was sustained. It was estimated that the loss of Murray & Co. will aggregate \$50,000, and that of the Yeats company about \$10,000. The nominal loss probably will reach \$75,000.

FLOUR MILLS IN ALASKA.

Evidence Shown That Wheat Was Grown North 100 Years Ago.

TACOMA, Dec. 16.—That wheat was grown in Alaska by the Russians a century ago is proved by the discovery of two old flour mills built by subjects of the czar. One of these has been discovered on Wood Island, in southeastern Alaska, and the other in the interior. The former mill has just been investigated by R. B. Taylor of the Smithsonian institution. He says the old flour mill was built by the Russians early in the last century.

TREATY IN WASHINGTON

General Bliss Files Document With State Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—General Bliss who was sent to Havana to aid Minister Sures in drafting a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba, reached Washington this morning and delivered to Secretary Hay the treaty signed in Havana last week. It provides for a 20 percent reduction in the tariff charges on Cuban products entering the United States and heavy reductions on American exports to Cuba.

MONROE DOCTRINE NOT INFRINGED

Attitude of United States Must Be One of Watchfulness, Says the Senate.

TELLER SEEKS INFORMATION

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Relations Disclaimed Knowledge of Any Inner Workings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Venezuelan question occupied the attention of the senate in executive session today for almost an hour, the question having come up informally almost immediately after the doors were closed.

Senator Teller disclaiming all intention of being critical and saying he merely desired information, asked Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, what information he possessed as to the Venezuelan affair. Teller said that the situation was such that the senators felt the Monroe doctrine might become involved if complications should continue.

Senator Cullom replied that he had no knowledge of recent events not contained in the house prints.

The tone of all the speeches, whether by republicans or democrats was that the attitude of this nation should be one of watchfulness. There was general agreement that while the means adopted by Great Britain and Germany for the collection of their debts had been quite strenuous, they thus far had committed no infringement on the Monroe doctrine and therefore had done nothing to which the United States could take exception.

SENATE CONCLUDES DISCUSSION

Omnibus Statehood Bill Laid Over Until Upper House Reconvenes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the senate today Dillingham concluded his remarks in opposition to the omnibus statehood bill and by unanimous consent it was agreed that there should be no further discussion of the measure until the senate reconvened, January 5.

DEATH OF MRS. GRANT FORETOLD IN A DREAM.

Sister-in-law and Friend of General's Late Widow Tell Strange Stories of Visions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Mary Grant Cramer, a sister of General U. S. Grant, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Virginia Grant Corbin, at East Orange, N. J., says, according to a dispatch to the Tribune, that the death of Mrs. Grant was foretold to her in a dream on December 6.

"The dream was exceedingly vivid," said Mrs. Cramer. "I thought Mrs. Grant came to my bedside and put her hand on my shoulder and said impulsively: 'Mary, I have come to talk with you and say good bye, because I am not going to be with you much longer.'"

Mrs. Cramer told her dream at the breakfast table the next morning and to her surprise a friend of the family, Mrs. Katherine Lawrence, who was visiting them at the time said that she, too, had had a similar dream. Mrs. Lawrence said that she dreamt that she, Mrs. Cramer and Mrs. Corbin, stood in the portal of Grant's tomb in Riverside Drive, New York, and that there appeared to be a large crowd of people outside, drawn up into line, waiting for the arrival of a cavalcade of some kind.

BIG IMMIGRATION SCHEME.

English Syndicate Will Buy Large Tract in Ontario.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—According to the London correspondent of the Tribune, negotiations are still in progress by an English syndicate for acquiring from the Ontario government of a concession for a large tract of land on terms similar to those offered an American syndicate for a tract of 2,000,000 acres. It is asserted that the English syndicate has ample financial resources and is displaying zeal and interest in working out an immigration scheme of exceptional magnitude.

PAINFUL ELECTRIC SHOCK.

Passenger in Street Car Paralyzed by Strange Accident.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Miss Annie Stapleton is suffering from the effects of a peculiar accident on a Ninth avenue surface car. The car was crossing

Forty-seventh street, when in some way the full force of the electric current found its way into one of the electrical heaters placed under the seats of the car. There was a sudden outburst of blue flame and a slight report. Miss Stapleton, who was over the heater, received a shock which made her hysterical and caused partial paralysis. When she arrived at Bellevue hospital she was unable to speak and had lost the use of her right leg. Her condition was pronounced very serious.

Another young woman, who had an adjoining seat, was slightly shocked.

JAPS WILL BE LOOKED INTO.

X-Ray Will Be Used on Employees of Mints Who Swallow Coins.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A Philadelphia firm, according to a Press dispatch from that city, has received an order from the Japanese government for several x-ray machines which are to be used for a novel purpose. The firm some time ago sold to a representative of the mikado an x-ray machine, which, the Japanese explained, was to be used in the governmental mints in Japan for the detection of dishonest employees who stole coins by swallowing them.

The machine was used to examine suspects as they left the mint daily, and, of course, it revealed the presence of any coins "in their midst." The test was so satisfactory that the mikado ordered several more of the machines, hoping to prevent the form of theft referred to.

"NEW YORK" LEAVES FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The flagship New York, flying the pennant of Rear-Admiral Silas Casey, will leave port tomorrow for Santa Barbara and will remain there until after Christmas. The departure of the New York will leave this harbor without a warship, but Admiral Casey expects to return here in about three weeks.

"POSSIBLY" TREATY RATIFIED

Friendly Relations With Spain Resumed By United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The senate in executive session today ratified the treaty of friendship and general relations between the United States and Spain.

MORE WITNESSES BEAR TESTIMONY

After Announcing End of Case Valuable Sessions Are Held by Miners.

AN OPERATOR TAKES STAND

According to President Gompers Companies Are Responsible for Un desirable Immigration.

SCRANTON, Dec. 16.—Notwithstanding the fact that the miners announced yesterday that they had closed with the exception of calling one more witness, the entire two sessions of the strike commission today were consumed in hearing three witnesses for the men.

John C. Haddock, an individual operator; Rev. Dr. Peck Roberts, and President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of labor, were the witnesses.

President Gompers testified as an expert on the treason movement. He created a stir when he strongly implied during his examination that coal companies are responsible for bringing immigrants to the coal regions. When one of the lawyers for the coal companies asked him if he knew it from personal knowledge he said he could prove it if necessary.

Mr. Haddock explained that the miner's ton was fixed years ago so that the employer could get out of the ton 240 pounds of pure coal above the size of pea. Pea coal and all sizes below that is waste. This is now being utilized.

Regarding the prices of coal Mr. Haddock said the middlemen in New York are paying \$11 and \$12 a ton. Judge Gray—Do they pay the operator that price?

CHAWFA NEARLY HOME

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 16.—The crown prince of Siam, arrived here today from the United States.

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